



IDAHO GOVERNOR'S CUP SCHOLARSHIP
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SCHOLARSHIP

For the 2015 – 2016 school year

AMOUNT OF AWARD: \$3,000 per year

Academic – Renewable up to 4 years

Professional-Technical – Renewable up to 3 years

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15

To qualify for this award, you must:

- Be a resident of Idaho
- Be a graduating senior of an Idaho high school or home school
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or above
- **Provide ACT or SAT Scores** (Academic Applicants)
- Have a demonstrated commitment to public service (Submit required forms documenting service).*
- Enroll as a full-time student in an eligible postsecondary educational institution in Idaho (12 credits or more each semester). The eligible colleges and universities are Boise State University, College of Southern Idaho, College of Western Idaho, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, North Idaho College, University of Idaho, Northwest Nazarene University, BYU Idaho, and The College of Idaho.
- Attend the first semester of college following high school graduation
- Pursue a course of study leading to a first degree, certificate or other approved award requiring at least six months of consecutive attendance.
- Use the scholarship funds for educational costs only, which are described as follows: "Student costs for tuition, fees, room and board, expenses related to reasonable commuting, books, tools and other such expenses related to attendance at a postsecondary education institution."

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Application requires:

- ☐ Completion of the [on-line application](#) (available in December).
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation are required from individuals who are unrelated to you, yet know of your interests, achievements and commitment to public service. Applicants will need to provide email addresses of their references so they may be invited to the online application system to submit their recommendations.
- ☐ Write an **essay** of no more than 500 words sharing a little information about yourself, please make sure to include your academic interests (what you are planning to study in college), and what you hope to accomplish individually and for others in the future. Please share something interesting about yourself. The essay should not just recap the accomplishments in your application.
- ☐ Complete the online forms detailing a commitment to public service including, but not limited to, school, community and church volunteer service projects, and participation in other service organizations and volunteer work.
- ☐ Professional-Technical applicants must select a major from of the [Higher Education in Idaho Book](#). Academic applicants must select an academic program from the [Higher Education in Idaho Book](#).

On-line applications must be completed and submitted no later than February 15.

If you have any questions regarding this application, contact your high school counselor or email the scholarship manager at scholarshiphelp@osbe.idaho.gov.

High consideration will be given to commitment to public service. Please provide relevant information regarding your service projects during high school.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this scholarship application will be provided in alternate form upon request.

IDAHO GOVERNOR'S CUP SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES

1. **Objectives of the Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship Program.** As established by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, the purpose of the Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship is to provide scholarships that recognize outstanding Idaho students and encourage them to pursue their secondary education in an Idaho institution. Awards will be available for students pursuing either an academic or professional-technical education program.
2. **Source of Funds.** Funding for the Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship is provided by private contributions, in conjunction with proceeds from an annual event sponsored by the Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship Fund, Inc.
3. **Monetary Value of the Scholarship.** The monetary value of the academic scholarship is \$3,000 per year, renewable for up to four years. The Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship awards are contingent upon the availability of funds generated for this program.
4. **Number of Awards.** The number of scholarships awarded is based on the amount of funds available, with continuing recipients funded first.
5. **Selection of Scholarship Recipients.** Recipients of the Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship are selected by a scholarship committee appointed by the Governor in conjunction with the Office of the State Board of Education in accordance with the following:

A high consideration will be given to the applicant's demonstrated commitment to public service. Forms are included in the application packet to document school leadership, volunteer projects and community service.

Scholarships are awarded without regard to the applicant's race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, economic background or religious affiliation.

6. Eligibility for Scholarship

Initial Eligibility. To be eligible for the Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship, a student must:

- Be a resident of the state of Idaho.
- Be a graduating senior of an Idaho high school or home school.
- Enroll as a full-time student (12-credit minimum) in an eligible college or university in Idaho.
- Pursue a course of study leading to a first degree, certificate or other approved award requiring at least six months of consecutive attendance.
- Use the scholarship funds for educational costs only, which are described as follows: "Student costs for tuition, fees, room and board, expenses related to reasonable commuting, books, tools and other such expenses related to attendance at a postsecondary education institution."

7. Eligible Postsecondary Educational Institutions.

The eligible institutions for academic awards are:

C of I – The College of Idaho
BSU – Boise State University
BYU Idaho – Brigham Young University
CSI – College of Southern Idaho
CWI – College of Western Idaho
ISU – Idaho State University
LCSC – Lewis-Clark State College
NIC – North Idaho College
NNU – Northwest Nazarene University
UI – University of Idaho

12. **Administration.** The Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship Committee administers the Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship, with administrative support from the Office of the State Board of Education.

Questions regarding the scholarship applications and the process of submitting an application:

scholarshiphelp@osbe.idaho.gov

or

(208) 334-2270

Questions regarding scholarship payment and continuing eligibility:

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